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UM BASKETBALLER EARNs  
STRAIGHT A's AGAIN

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MISSOULA--

A coach's dream player is one who is a bona fide All-American in the classroom and on the basketball floor, which means the player must be a super-star and a 4.0 or straight-A student.

The University of Montana does not <sup>have</sup> a bona fide All-American as yet on the basketball court this season, but it does have a 4.0 student.

Jeff Nord, a 5-8 sophomore guard, has earned 52 credits of A in his four quarters at the University of Montana in Missoula and is one of three vying for a starting guard spot on the Grizzly varsity.

Last season as a freshman he led the Cubs in scoring with a 25 point average and was the team's playmaker. Grizzly coach Lou Rocheleau feels Nord could assume the same role on the UM varsity.

Jeff Nord is the son of Grizzly football assistant, Ron Nord, and is a history major. Ron Nord handles the linebackers and receivers and is the head Montana scout.

Every member of the Ron Nord family has been or is an honors student. Ron graduated from the University of Wisconsin with honors in history and physical education and his wife Phyllis is <sup>an</sup> honors graduate of the University of Minnesota in home economics and interior design.

The oldest offspring of the Nord family, Mrs. Debbie Hanson, earned a 3.65 grade point average in social welfare at the University of Montana. Debbie's husband, Terry, is attending the University of South Dakota law school. The Hansons were among the few Grizzly football fans in the stands when Montana defeated South Dakota and South Dakota State last fall. In the Midwestern state she is the athletic secretary at USD in Vermillion.

After Jeff comes brother Mark who is a prep athlete at Missoula Sentinel High School. Mark was the starting split receiver and safety for the Spartans in football and is a first string basketball forward. He is a 3.5 student and was named to the Lee Newspaper's second defensive team last fall in football.

The Ron Nord family also have two younger honor students. Wendy, a freshman cheerleader at Sentinel High School, has better than a 3.0 grade point and Chris, a Missoula seventh grader, has a 3.8 average. Chris was the shortstop on the Missoula Little League team that won the state title and placed in the top four at the Northwest Regional Playoffs in Portland last summer.

Jeff Nord is married to the former Patty Mahrt of Missoula.